WHOLE CITY WELCOMES BRITISH MISSION;

# BRITISH SUBDUE WAVE OF FLAME

Beat Off Three Terrific Attacks, Two Preceded by Liquid Fire.

BATTLE IS MORE INTENSE

Germans Are Throwing In New Divisions in Effort to Recapture Trenches.

LONDON, May 11 .- British troops in the southwestern outskirts of Lens went through a terrible ordeal last night but came our victorious. Three terrific counter attacks beat upon them. In two of the attacks the Germans used liquid Same throwers. The British line to-day is just where it was before the first attacks began.

Twice the Germans charged, preceded by sheets of flame. They used flammenwerfer in greater numbers than usual, in the hope of burning a way through lines that bullets and bayonets had failed to break. The flaming torches projecting in a roaring blaze 150 feet in front of the attackers, were a terrifying spectacle under the clouded night sky, but did very little damage.

### Success Is Temporary.

The third and last attack was the strongest and resulted in a temporary For three hours the British had been fighting without respite, the Bercest kind of work. At last the exhausted defenders gave way and the Germans occupied some of the contested trenches. Their liquid flame had been a splendid target for the artillery and machine guns, however, and their losses were heavy. Then came a British coun-ter attack this afternoon and every foot

of the lost trenches was recovered.
So ended a period of fighting as fierce in proportion to the troops engaged as any in the Arras battle. The attack with fiammenwerfer was only part of a series of German counter attacks on a front of six miles from Gayrelle to front of six miles, from Gavrelle to Lens. The fighting was heaviest at the northern end of this line, south of the River Souches, where the British ad-

nced yesterday. While there was no general battle today, the Associated Press correspond-ent at British headquarters says the

others were driven down out of missing.

### Two Attacks Break Down. British Day Statement-Early last Bight the enemy attacked our positions east of Arleux and south of the Sou-

At the latter point the enemy made another attack later in the night. We made a successful raid last

hight east of Ypres.
There was considerable artillery activity on both sides during the right at a number of points on the battle

French Night Statement-In the region of Cerny-en-Laonnois the Ger-mans, after a violent bombardment, attacked our positions on both sides of the village simultaneously. Our bar-rage and the fire of our machine guns omashed the assaulting waves, which gaining a foothold on a front of about enemy formations which succeed 200 meters in an advanced element were thrown back by an immediate counter attack of our troops.

### Artillery Fire Spirited.

The artillery fire has continued very spirited on this section of the front In the Argonne, toward Bolante, we carried out a surprise attack on the enemy lines and brought back some

Aviation - On the 10th inst. our ter having suffered serious damage. Belgian Statement-In the course of night a Belgian force repulsed by re a German patrol which was attempting to creep toward our lines in the region to the south of Stuyvekens-

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# **STRIKE OF 75,000**

WASHINGTON, May 11.—A tentative basis of agreement for averting a threatened strike of coal miners in the central Pennsylvania district was reached at a conference of representa-tives of both sides to-night with Secretary Wilson of the Depart-ment of Labor.

None of those present at the conference would divulge details of the present of the pres

of the proposed agreement exno suspension of work. About 75,000 men had voted to walk out on May 15, and it is understood strong pressure was brought to bear by the Federal Government to bring the two sides together. sides together and prevent crip-pling of coal production in the national emergency.

# TRADING IN MAY

Chicago Board of Trade Takes Action to Meet the Stampede.

Chicago, May 11.—Trading in May wheat was ordered discontinued at a meeting of the board of directors of the Chicago Board of Trade to-night.

The directors also decided that existing contracts should be adjudicated either by delivery of the property or at a selling price to be fixed by a committee is headed by James A. Patten and will meet to-morrow morning. To-day's closing prices were: May, \$3.13; July, \$2.49% to \$2.50%.

Traders said there was no way of estimating the effect of the order on trades existing. The amount of wheat on this market was said to be 180,000 bushels on Saturday, and that probably the amount now here was short of those figures.

Reports current among members of the

Reports current among members of the board that action would be taken by the Federal authorities in the last few days hastened the action of the board of directors. None of those at the meeting would confirm or deny that it had been intimated to board officials that some action to curb soaring prices of wheat would be taken or Government officials would close the board.

Meeting on Neutral Soil.

It was admitted that several members had been summoned to the office of the Federal District Attorney, but it was said no threats had been made or inti-mated.

"However, this attitude has not been universal. There are food speculators, food cornerers and food gamblers, some of them men of immense wealth and of them men of immense wealth and others of very small means, who are to-day taking advantage of war conditions to exploit their fellow citizens to the full extent of their ability. These men are allies of the Kaiser and are doing their the defeat the article of the states. utmost to defeat the patriotic purposes of the nation. Wherever they are seen, in high place or in low, they should be condemned and made to feel the loathing and contempt of every patriotic American. These men will be taken care of in due time by national, State municipal legislation, but until legislation can be enacted the only

against the granting of war powers to the President and his Cabinet, and they are at present directing their principal attack against the laws which have been introduced by the Agricultural Committee of the House, with a view to putting the Department of Agriculture on a war

that is trying to defeat the determination of Congress and of the people of this country to put the agricultural re-sources of the nation on an efficiency basis in this crisis should be made to feel the condemnation of every real

# RUSSIAN 'REDS' PROPOSE PEACE

Socialists of World Are Called to Conference on

GOVERNMENT IS FIRM

Radzianko Cheered in Duma as He Declares for War to Final Victory.

PETROGRAD, via London, May 11 .- An appeal to the peoples of the world concerning the calling of a peace conference immediately by the council of soldiers' and workmen's delegates, according to a resolution adopted at a meeting of the executive committee of the council. The committee also resolved to send a delegation to establish relations with the Socialist delegates at Stockholm and to send delegates at Stockholm and to send delegates to neutral and allied countries to further the peace movement.

lowing:
"First—To convoke a conference of
the Socialist Internationale.

representatives of all parties and fac-

peoples of the world.

"Third—To form a special commission of the representatives of the executive committee and one representative of exhausting days just passed and the each of the Socialist parties to organize city might have been excused if it had the conference and arrange a pro-

appeal to the peoples of the world and a died down when the Britishers set foot special appeal to the Socialists in allied upon Manhattan yesterday. But evicountries concerning the convocation of dently New York had a few cheers.

### Meeting on Neutral Soil.

ent at British headquarters says the German efforts to retake lost positions continue with even greater desperation. They are still throwing in fresh forces, and the fighting is becoming more sanguianary. Around Bullecourt, which the Germans are especially eager to hold, the Australians have been attacked with boiling oil, gas bombs and every device of modern war, but have stood firm.

Fail on French Frent.

The situation is the same on the French front. Here too the Germans southned unabted their furious struggle to win back some of the ground they have lost, and failed completely in the effort. The Germans have sent in four fresh divisions on the Chemin des Dames since last Monday.

There were two big counter attacks on the French front to-day. The Germans attacked on both sides of Cerny entlanding in advanced on the French front to-day. The Germans attacked on both sides of Cerny entlanding in advanced for themens, such as we have just adopted, there is no restriction wheat for present and future delivery at this time in this market are the Governments of Europe, not speculators.

So long as there is no restriction wheat those of them got a footing in advanced formed and the formed part of the call-forme pales of the Gail-forme pales of the grand the fighting are said countries and for the Board for Trade, "that speculation has nothing whatever to do with the action of the Green and the directors in deciding to abandon trading in May wheat or its speculation and the former pales of the Germans and the fighting pales of the Gail-former pales of the Gail-for

manifested since the war began by the business men of America. An over-whelming majority of them have been as ready to place their business organisations and their personal services and their wealth at the disposal of the Federal Government in this crisis as the young men have been to do the actual continuing the country finds itself through having a nominal Government with the power lodged elsewhere. The call upon the Socialists, as represented by the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates, was by way of shifting some of the responsibility for government upon the elements which wield the power and which assume the right to direct, criticise and thwart the acts of the Ministry.

# BORGBJERG UNMASKED.

Socialists in Petrograd. COPENHAGEN, May 11.—The last trappings have been stripped from Borgbjerg's peace embassy to Petrograd by the Associated Press depatch from Berlin stating that Borgbjerg carried no authorization nor instruction from the German Socialists and that the peace conditions outlined by him were merely his voluntary interpretation of Socialist

auch legislation can be enacted the only effective power that can be brought against them is the power of an outraged public sentiment and that should be used vigorously and mercllessly.

"I am told that some of these men are actually in Washington to-day conducting a lobby against the request of President Wilson that Congress empower him and his Cabinet to take the necessary means to mobilize the agricultural resources of this nation for victory.

"They are urging every specious theoretical and imaginary argument against the granting of war powers to his conversations with Philipp Scheidemajority Socialists on the strength of his conversations with Philipp Scheidermann here and of the International train that brought him and his party from Washington to Jersey City at 3:18 o'clock. Close behind him was Lieut.-Gen. Bridges of the British army.

# basis. That step should have been taken soveral weeks ago. "The unpatriotic and disloyal lobby age will soon be extended to men up to

50 years of age, both single and married those who come forward will ready and willing to serve without delay when called upon.

MARY PICKPORD at the STRAND THEATRE commencing tomorrow.—Adv.

# MARSHAL JOFFRE INSPECTS WEST POINT

Neutral Soil. UNUSUAL GUARD FOR CITY GUESTS

Balfour Astounded at Welcome From Millions

Along Route.

lish, Manhattan again massed itself yes

ering the permanent inscriptions cut into the stone, was stretched for the benefit of the visitors a painted legend that ran:

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THE WORLD MUST BE MADE SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY.

from mighty choruses of school children.

n a neutral country will be published

the Socialist Internationale and to invite to the conference representatives of all parties agreeing with the council's ago Manhattanites massed themselves to appeal. The resolutions adopted by the executive committee included the fol-Majesty George III. off its pedestal to Majesty George III. off its pedestal to mould it into bullets to shoot at the Eng-

Proletariat to Be Invited.

# "Second-To invite to the conference

representatives of all parties and fac-tions of the international proletariat agreeing with the council of soldiers' expression of a great city's admiration and workmen's delegates' appeal to the of the new old glories of the British

spent yesterday resting from the shoutgramme.
"Fourth—To publish immediately an ings and the tumult that has scarcely and a start fourth when the Britishers set foot

a peace conference.

"Fifth—To send a delegation of the executive committee to neutral and allied countries and to establish contact metropolis again banked the streets for metropolis again banked the stree

"Sixth—The peace conferences to take place in a neutral country.
"Seventh—The committee, recognising as a necessary condition that free passage be accorded to all parties and factions without distinction, requests that all parties in said countries demand from their Governments free passage for their delegates."

N. C. Toheldse, president of the Council of Soldiers and Workmen's Delegates declares that all rumors of anarchy, the proclamation of an autonomous unit of strikes in powder works in the Schlues-"Sixth—The peace conferences to take | Place. Further to the north the British states

## Guarded by 2,800 Police.

Wednesday the Police Department had decided 1.800 uniformed men were more

George T. Wilson, J. P. Morgan, four, Gen. Bridges. Sir Cecil Spring-Rice and the rest of the front line of the party, Mr. Wilson and his committeemen

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than enough.

The Battery swarmed with detectives

contents who seemed to be more inter-

ested in European affairs than ica's distributed with more or less

## Balfour and Choate as They Appeared in the Parade.

MAYOR TELLS BALFOUR ENGLAND SAVED U.S.;



Photo by Sun Staff Photographer On the left is shown Arthur J. Balfour, chairman of the British war mission to the United States, ac-companied by Joseph H. Choate, as they rode from

the Battery to the City Hall, where the British delegation was welcomed yesterday by Mayor Mitchel and other distinguished Americans.

# CAR LINES SUGGEST

Third Avenue Railway Co. Breaches Subject to Public Service Board.

There in a line was told the reason for the shouts, the blaring bands, the songs the eloquence of orators, the million and more men, women and little children who

fear that was not altogether lost until it is not expected, however, that any pass the members of the British mission had change in the present carfare rates will harve been safely housed in the Astor home be permitted by the State authorities task. be permitted by the State authorities without a long fight. If the matter is taken up the public will have a full opportunity to be heard and the question sidered the most pessimistic authoritation of a General who has commanded the most pessimistic authoritation of a General who has commanded the most pessimistic authoritation of a General who has commanded the most pessimistic authoritation of a General who has commanded the most pessimistic authoritation of a General who has commanded to be the city's well and the most pessimistic authoritation of a General who has commanded the most pessimistic authoritation of a General who has commanded to be the city's well and the most pessimistic authoritation of a General who has commanded to be the city's well and the most pessimistic authoritation of a General who has commanded to be the city's well and the most pessimistic authoritation of a General who has commanded to be the city's well and the most pessimistic authoritation of a General who has commanded to be the city's well and the most pessimistic authoritation of a General who has commanded to be the city's well and the most pessimistic authoritation of a General who has commanded to be the city's well and the most pessimistic authoritation of a General who has commanded to be the city's well and the most pessimistic authoritation of a General who has commanded to be the city's well and the most pessimistic authoritation of a General who has commanded to be the city's well and the most pessimistic authoritation of a General who has commanded to be the city's well and the most pessimistic authoritation of a General who has commanded to be the city's well and the most pessimistic authoritation of a General who has commanded to be the city's well and the most pessimistic authoritation of a General who has commanded to be the city's well and the most pessimistic authoritation of a General who has commanded to be the city's well and the most pessimistic authoritation of the well and the most pessimistic authorita As an instance of the special precau-tions taken, there were 2.800 policemen recommendation is made by the comguarding both sides of the streets

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6 Cent Fares.

as never before in the memory of newsas never before in the memory of newspaper men, and this was true also around
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called by the New York State Electric the City Hall and the Astor home. A handbill attacking Mr. Balfour as "an obstacle to free Ireland," which mal-Railways Association at the Hotel Astor. where the question of the six cent fare was of paramount importance. The meeting was called to discuss ways and means of obtaining concesdom before the mission arrived, did not sions from the Public Service Commis-lend peace of mind to the anxious de-tectives and policemen. lend peace of mind to the anxious de-tectives and policemen.

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ten, five representing the New York city district and five from up State. This committee either will be headed by Coi. T. S. Williams of the B. R. T. or by James L. Quackenbush, chief of counsel for the Interborough. It will appear before the Public Service Com-mission and ask permission to institute Theodore Rousseau and others of the Mayor's committee hastened forward to greet the visitors. After their first welcoming and handshakes with Mr. Balcoming and handshakes with a six cent fare on all traction lines in

SANDY HOOK ROUTE.
Service begins May lith with one boat schedule. Spring schedule with two boat schedule on May 17th.—4dv.

### T. R. HALTS CALLERS TO CHAT WITH JOHN L. 1 CENT TRANSFERS Colonel and Former Champion Hold Half Hour Talk.

spends in the Metropolitan Magazine of-

fices each week his press of visitors compels him to keep them to a meagre After Parade. time allowance; they are rushed in and There in a line was told the reason for e shouts, the blaring bands, the songs om mighty choruses of school children, e eloquence of crators, the million and their revenues in the face of higher oper hours had stood patiently along curbones solely to see a ruddy faced elderly ones solely to sole their tributes to the and seal ones of those exception. Upon the parade ground of West Point and their tributes to the and seal ones of those exception. The sole of the stream of the strea out with startling rapidity. Only now From trenches, but were juried out by the Pranch. Northeast of the Callproperty of faithing to make any progress of faithing to make any progress. The control of faithing to make any progress. The control

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Ready to Fill Potato Demand.

New York and Haltimore markets to

BALTIMORE, May 11 .- The farmers of

# **WEST POINT GIVES JOFFRE DAY OF JOY**

In the brief time that Col. Rooseveit "Incomparable," His. Spontaneous Tribute to Cadets

the subject for the commissions converged saids on but even if they hadn't the stress of make public the they hadn't they hadn

## Joffre Writes His Praise.

tive utterance yet. The people consider it preliminary to a further rigorous cattling down of food, which cannot be sustained without distroying the working capacity of militons of people.

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South Longford Result Is Blow to Lieyd George's Scheme.

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Special Cable Despatch to The Sun
London, May 11—The election in
South Longford, Ireland, where a Sinn
Feiner was elected to the House of
Commons, brought a shock to England
because the authorities had been insisting that the Sinn Fein was no longer
powerfully supported. The election was
bitterly contested, but notwithstanding
the close result a good suthorily declares to-day that almost all Irish constituencies would give the same result in
present conditions.

It is a hard blow at Lloyd George's
scheme of settlement and there is much
speculation whether the Premier will
postpone the announcement of the details of his plan or will hasten to apply

It hence the superboration and the clares to the supply of the superboration and the curious new rules of the modern war game. The things to look at
were the things that most delight his
eye, perfectly drilled men, a model milltary institution, real officers of real soidiers.

Perhaps the climat of his pleasure was

it, hoping to secure its acceptance before conditions get worse.

reached at the luncheon at the officers' sellors, where he met so many of the men he expects to see fighting in France soon night. as comrades of his own officers, and

the Eastern Shore are ready to ship two million barrels of early potatoes to the York and Baltimore markets to supply the present big domand.

THE GREENBRIES White Sulphur pledges of fearings. W. Vs. Ideal time for the cure lives of fearings. W. Vs. Ideal time for the cure lives of fearings. W. Vs. Ideal time for the cure lives of fearings. W. Vs. Ideal time for the cure lives of fearings.

Throng Estimated at Million Joins in Acclaim to Nation's Guests.

VIVIANI TO LAWYERS

French Marshal Highly Pleased With America's Military School.

JOINT BANQUET IS GIVEN

Allied Commissioners and Leaders of This Country Assembled at the Waldorf.

New York underwent the unusual experience vesterday afternoon and evening of turning out a million and more strong to great representatives of Great Britain almost solely because they were representatives of Great Britain, a phenomenon unique in the city's history if one excepts possibly a celebration by another generation when the Prince of Wales, afterward King Edward VII., came to town,

But that was an outpouring made up largely of the merely curious, who lined the streets to gaze upon a future ruler of a great nation. Also it was a celebration by what was then comparatively a crude, overgrown village in a cruder new land, whereas the ovation yesterday to Arthur J. Balfour upon his arrival here during midafternoon with his colleagues of the British mission and other notables was an emotional outburst straight from the hearts of the people of the mightiest, the richest and the most powerful metropolis in the world.

### Crowds Line Streets.

And as the English visitors were on their way to receive the plaudits of Manhattan after days of welcoming uproar that promise to hang up a record for the city to shoot at for a long time to come the wise and kindly French Marshal, who had had his fill of New Marshal, who had had his fill of New York's approval since Wednesday last (porhaps more than his fill, if he dared confess it) was far up the Hudson enjoying for the day what he later said was the pleasantest jaunt he had had since he stepped upon America's shores. From the Battery, where Mr. Balfour was greeted by citizens of international fame, to the City Hull, where the Mayor and Juseph H. Choate, alded by thousands of a hoad children, Bey Scouts, patriotic organizations and mill-Scouts, patriotic organizations and mili tary bodies, added their

The speech made a profound impression throughout Germany and was considered themselves do not realize lest metropolis gathered

for the first time

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